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SUBJECT: BILATERAL MTN CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
THE SCHEDULING OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN ON
THE MTN. PURPOSE OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO
IMPLEMENT DECISION BY SUMMIT LEADERS TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIVE
PROGRESS IN MTN THIS YEAR.

2. WE HAVE PROPOSED BILATERAL TAKE PLACE EITHER DURING
LAST WEEK OF JULY OR FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. WHILE WE WOULD
HAVE PREFERRED AN EARLIER DATE, JAPANESE HAVE INDICATED
TO US THAT SHIFTS IN PERSONNEL ON THEIR SIDE MAKE LATE JULY
OR EARLY AUGUST SCHEDULING NECESSARY.

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3. WE HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET EITHER IN JAPAN
OR US, BUT HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A LOCATION
OUTSIDE OF EITHER CAPITAL TO PREVENT INTERRUPTIONS FROM
DAILY BUSINESS.

4. U.S. DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE ABOUT 6 OFFICIALS, AND
WOULD BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ALAN WOLFF. WE

WOULD HOPE JAPANESE DELEGATION COULD BE RESTRICTED TO
ROUGHLY EQUAL SIZE, AND WOULD BE HEADED BY VICE-MINISTER
YOSHINO.

5. PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE
APPROACHES FOR ACHIEVING EARLY PROGRESS IN KEY MTN AREAS,
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO TARIFFS, AGRICULTURAL ISSUES
AND SUBSIDIES. WE WOULD HOPE DISCUSSIONS WOULD ESTABLISH
BASIS FOR ACHIEVING CONSENSUS AMONG MAJOR COUNTRIES ON
APPROACHES THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO LEAD TO SUBSTANTIVE
PROGRESS.

6. WE HAVE DESCRIBED CONSULTATIONS AS A SEMINAR IN WHICH
PARTICIPANTS WOULD EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES THAT
MAY ENABLE US TO GET AROUND BARRIERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
STALLING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

7. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS, YOU MAY WANT
TO FOLLOW UP ALONG THE LINES INDICATED ABOVE. VANCE

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